

Minutes of the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2019, at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley

Present: Cllr Skelton (Chair), Cllr Davis, Cllr Fish, Cllr May, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Savill and Cllr Stronach

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr Kevin Greaves, District Cllr Kevin Dukes and members of the public

3240/19 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr O'Brien.

3241/19 To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

Cllr May declared an interest in agenda item 7

3242/19 To suspend the meeting to hold a 10 minute public session

- The Chair reported to the residents that he would be meeting with the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee before Christmas and will be able to give an update at the January meeting
- It was noted that three residents at the meeting, had spent some time helping the committee by cleaning the hall; but they haven't heard anything since

3243/19 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

District Cllr Kevin Dukes apologised for not being able to attend the previous two meetings due to purdah and the elections. Cllr Dukes reported on the following:

- VE Day – There is a national campaign for all Parish and County Councils do something for VE Day in 2020. One of the suggestions is for Parishes is to set up 1939-45 living memorial by planting trees. Bassetlaw is trying to encourage parishes to plant trees in any available spaces or create small arboretums; parishes could join together to find a suitable area if space is limited

If the planting is started in May then they can include other war memorials over the time as the trees grown. One of the parishes is including people that died in the war camp in their parish as well as soldiers that died when an ammunition camp blew up. The District Council would like to co-ordinate the local events and advertise them

- In January the next stage of consultation of the Local Plan will take place. Cllr Dukes advised that Elkesley residents looks at the consultation of the Local Plan as there are a couple of elements regarding Elkesley that residents will be pleased with
- The Parish Forums are now starting to be established. Cllr Savill gave an update on the setting up meeting attended for the South East Forum; which Elkesley will be part of
- There will be another Rural conference some point in the year
- Cllr Dukes highly recommended going to visit the new Pilgrim's gallery in the Retford museum

County Cllr Kevin Greaves gave his report as follows:

- There was little news from the County Council due to the recent elections.
- A full County Council meeting will be held later this week and Cllr Greaves will be putting forward a question to John Cotter, Chairman of Communities and Place; to ask why Nottinghamshire has got the highest number of pot holes in the entire UK. Nottinghamshire has 2.5 times more than the second highest area with 253,920.00 pot holes

The second question Cllr Greaves will ask is why are footpaths also being neglected; with no attention to them what so ever. If any Elkesley residents has information on footpaths which are in a poor condition; to please let him know

- Jo Horton who is the Via (Highways) Manager for our area has been promoted
- Cllr Fish asked if any more had been done about the speed in the village. Cllr Greaves reported that Jo Horton will be carrying out a speed check on the roads; his understanding is that the

entire usage of the road is taken into account and the average speed limit is used to determine the speeding issue; it usually ends up to be around 34 mph

- The Chair reported that PC Nathan Thomas had sent his apologies and confirmed that he will also address be addressing this speeding issue and will be collecting further data to assist.

3244/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2019

Cllr Savill proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Stronach and resolved by the Council 7 votes.

3245/19 To consider any planning applications and note any planning correspondence

Application: 19/01454/FUL – Starbucks, A1 Elkesley

Installation of clearance bar, order point canopy and HVAC Condensers

Application: 19/01455/FUL – Starbucks, A1 Elkesley

3 fascia signs, 2 directions signs, 1 totem pole and 2 menu boards

After consideration of the above planning applications – Cllr May proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council 7 votes.

3246/19 Proposal to consider additional costs for the storage of the lawnmower

Cllr May did not take part in this agenda item.

Cllr Stronach proposed the additional cost of £75.00 for the storage of the lawnmower; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council 6 votes. The annual cost will now be £250.

3247/19 To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a) Sports field & play area safety inspections

No further actions from the play inspection. Cllr May reported that some of the bearing repairs have been carried out.

b) Cemetery

The mole appears to still be in the cemetery despite Cllr Stronach's attempts to catch it.

Cllr Stronach will have another try; failing any success the Chair proposed to contact the pest control person at a cost of £70; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council 7 votes

c) Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Savill reported that no actions were required following the inspections.

3248/19 Highways and service faults

- 1) The Chair will email County Cllr Dukes with information on the bump reported on the bridge
- 2) The Chair will reported the blocked drain

3249/19 To consider draft 2020/21 budget

The Clerk circulated the budget figures as at 30.11.19. Following on with suggestions from the previous meeting; the Clerk went through the budget and proposed earmarked reserves which the Council considered.

Cllr Stronach proposed to accept the draft budget as discussed; this was seconded by Cllr May and resolved by the Council 7 votes.

3250/19 To approve payments and receive financial reports

The Clerk circulated copies of the finances as at 30th November 2019, copy of bank statements and budget/variance to date figures.

Cllr May proposed to approve the financial reports and payments as listed; this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and resolved by the Council 7 votes.

- a) Elkesley Memorial Hall room hire and Post Office contributions £65.50 (1970)
- b) N Oldbury – reimbursement of purchase of new Christmas tree lights £42.72 (1971)
- c) Grounds Maintenance December wage £287.35 (1972)
- d) Clerk's November wage £210.40 (1973)
- e) HMRC – p.a.y.e £52.60 (1974)
- f) J Roberts – reimbursement of Christmas event expenses £133.69 (1975)

3251/19 To receive any co-option applications and arrange interviews

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3252/19 To receive items for information or for the next agenda

- 1) Cllr Savill gave an update on the initial introductory meeting for the proposed new South East Parish Forum group
- 2) Cllr Stronach asked if the tarmacing of the grass verges on Headland Ave could be discussed. County Cllr Greave said there are issues with the ownership of the verges but he would investigate

Agenda items:

- 1) To consider the precept for 2020/21
- 2) To receive an update from the Chair regarding the Memorial Hall
- 3) To consider future of the A1 garages – subject to information
- 4) To consider having a VE Day event

3253/19 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 21st January 2020 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.